

# ITALIANS SEIZING BOMBH; TAKE 12,000

## Thousands Hungry; Lose All in Flood

### 23 DROWNED ARE SOON FOUND

West Virginia Valleys Are Swept Clean of Homes by Heavy Volume of Water.

### RELIEF WORK IS NOW UNDER WAY

2000 People Are Perched on Hilltops, Ill Clothed and in Danger of Starving.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 10.—Twenty-three bodies have been recovered from the debris carried down by the flood which swept the Cabin Creek valley near here Wednesday. Rescue parties have penetrated some distance above Cabin Creek junction and meager reports brought back by couriers and from the railroads indicate that the loss of life has been heavy, but no accurate estimate can be made.

Persons driven from their homes to the mountains are returning to find whole villages of mining cabins swept away, while distress and suffering is seen on every hand.

Relief sent into valleys.

Two companies of the Second West Virginia Infantry left camp Kanawha by train this morning and were taken to Cabin Creek junction with orders to penetrate the valley and extend relief to all who needed it. They carried provisions and tents.

A special train was being made up here on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad and will go as far as the hastily repaired tracks will permit. From that point numbers of men provided with provisions will seek out the spots where destitution is most pronounced. It is expected that they will be able to go to the entire length of the valley and penetrate adjoining valleys, also hard hit, before tomorrow.

Arrests Followed.

Reports reached here today from United States commissioner Howard C. Smith, who led a relief party for a number of mining companies last night, that a number of men provided with provisions and tents were taken to the valley and extended relief to all who needed it. They carried provisions and tents.

Severely Injured.

So great has been the loss that coal companies with mines in the valley estimate that many thousands of dollars will be needed to feed and clothe the homeless miners and their families, as scores of them have lost all their possessions.

Says 40 Drowned.

El Paso, a line man of the Chesapeake and Ohio telephone company, reached Cabin Creek junction shortly before noon after a walk over 12 miles of the company's lines between Miami and De Soto. He declared that 40 persons had been drowned and half that number of bodies had been recovered. He said he believed that in the Cabin Creek district of Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, loss of life was greater than in other sections. The entire valley between Miami and De Soto was devastated, he said.

Believe Dead Number 100.

An excursion train carrying 410 persons was wrecked by the flood, was located by the Main Horse creek and Little Horse creek. Relief was sent from St. Albans.

### TAX RECEIPTS ISSUED—NO CASH; COLLECTOR ASKS INVESTIGATION

Billy McSain Says Taxpayers Have Produced Receipts for Taxes Paid for Which No Entries Are Shown on Tax Rolls or Cash Books; Referred to City Attorney; Government Hill to Come Into City.

TAX receipts have been issued from the city tax collector's office in the past and no entry made on tax rolls, according to tax collector W. P. B. McSain, who appeared before the city council Thursday morning and asked for an investigation of the records of the tax collector's office extending over a period of several years in order that the apparent shortage in taxes collected may be located.

Two Sample Cases.

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One of the largest tax payments made for which no record exists is said by W. F. Payne for taxes from 1899 to 1904. H. R. Hillbrand has produced

### U. S. TO PUBLISH LUSITANIA NOTE

Acceptance of Germany's Terms Believed Likely; Indemnity Is Problem.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—With the permission of Germany, the United States is soon to publish the last note in the Lusitania case which was submitted by German ambassador Count von Bernstorff nearly six months ago. There has been no intimation as to the precise date when the note would be made public. The fact that it is to be published is believed to indicate the United States' acceptance of the terms of the note.

The communication, dated February 16 last, dealt only with the principles involved. It does not mention the amount of indemnity Germany is to pay or how or when the amount will be agreed upon. It simply "recognizes liability," promises to make reparation by the payment of indemnity, gives assurances for the future and declares that reparation, such as ruthless submarine operations, must not be directed at other than enemy subjects.

No Discussion of Amounts.

Until now there has been absolutely no official discussion in regard to the question of indemnity. The German government is represented as feeling that having signified its willingness to make reparation, the United States must make the next move toward securing it.

The communication when submitted by Count von Bernstorff was regarded as being tentative, and the United States refrained from accepting it because of the declaration by the central powers of their intention to treat as warships armed merchant ships of the entire allies.

Many Claims Filed.

It has been indicated by officials of the department recently that it apparently being evident that Germany was living up to her promises, the Lusitania note, the wording of which occupied much of the time of secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff over a period of many weeks should be published. The Berlin foreign office offered no objection.

Hundreds of claims for lives and property loss on the Lusitania are on file in the state department. Hires of victims have filed claims ranging from \$500 to \$1,000,000 each. The total of the claims on file and details regarding them are being withheld.

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### U. S. MEDIATORS INTERVIEW LEADERS

May Settle Dispute Quickly or May Parley for Week, Conciliators Say.

### BROTHERHOODS WILL NOT YIELD

Garretson Makes Detailed Explanation of Demands Made by Railroaders.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—The United States board of mediation and conciliation held its first conference today with the representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods of employees in its efforts to prevent, through mediation, a countrywide strike to enforce the employees' demands for an eight hour day and time and a half for overtime. They found the unions firm.

"We have only scratched the surface," said G. W. W. Hanger, one of the three members of the mediation board, after the conference adjourned. "The situation may be cleared up within 24 hours and the again negotiations may continue for a week."

The mediators arranged for a second conference with the railroad managers this afternoon and to meet the brotherhoods' representatives again tomorrow morning.

Meeting Is Brief.

Today's meeting with the men was held in a downtown assembly hall and was attended not only by the chiefs of the four brotherhoods—the employees' official spokesmen—but by the 600 delegates of the unions who are here. It lasted less than one hour. Outsiders were barred.

The mediators, as was the case at the first conference Wednesday with the railroad managers, sought to learn from the men how far they were willing to go in making concessions which would bring both sides to common ground as a basis of settlement.

Brotherhood Chiefs Told Them, however, it was learned, that they were still firm for their demands as originally presented to the railroads.

Most of the meeting was devoted by Mr. Garretson to a detailed explanation of the brotherhoods' demands, upon which he made it clear, it was understood, that they stood firm.

### PECOS VALLEY FLOOD RELEASED

Pecos River Is High and Threatens to Overflow; Rich Section Menaced.

Amth, Texas, Aug. 10.—The Pecos river is high and a serious flood is threatened within an area of approximately 100 miles, extending from the state line of New Mexico to Grand Falls in Ward county, according to information secured today by the state board of water engineers from Glen A. Gray, district engineer of the Federal Bureau of Water Sources of the United States Geological Survey.

The river is now 16 feet above normal, while at 12 feet the water is beginning to break from its bounds. That section of Texas is mostly under cultivation, cotton, corn and alfalfa being produced.

It is understood that considerable damage has already resulted. A member of the board may make a trip to the threatened section unless the situation improves.

### SENATE REPUBLICANS REJECT DEMOCRATIC PROGRAM PLANS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Republicans of the senate in conference today declined to accept the legislative program proposed by the Democratic steering committee with a view to adjournment on congress before September 1. Those who were inclined to agree were outvoted by senators demanding action on the immigration bill at this session.

### THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate.  
Senator Stone denounced publication of the Danish West Indies treaty in defiance of the president's request for secrecy. Republican conference decided to accept Democratic legislative program with view to early adjournment. Debate resumed on government shipping bill. House.  
Not in session; meets Friday.

### DEMOCRATS ADJOURN AFTER ADOPTING PLATFORM AND NOMINATING CANDIDATES.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 10.—The Democratic state convention adopted the platform as submitted by the platform committee, nominated state candidates, and adjourned. The convention refused to insert a plank for submission of the prohibition question and there is no reference in the platform to the Robertson law.

### A. & M. College for West Texas.

One feature of the state Democratic platform which is of interest to west Texas is a plank declaring for a new agricultural and mechanical college in west Texas. Senator Claude Hudspeth secured the insertion of this plank. The west Texas college plank follows:

"Whereas, the state of Texas has reached a point where one agricultural and mechanical college is insufficient for the rapidly developing feature of the state; and

"Resolved, that the incoming legislature is hereby requested and instructed to provide for the establishment of a branch of the agricultural and mechanical college, the same to be located at some point in west Texas, west of the 98th meridian, and the location to be decided upon in a manner that will be fair and just to all interests concerned."

### Candidates Nominated.

Candidates who won in the state primary were nominated for state offices at the night session, headed by James E. Ferguson for governor, who was nominated by W. G. Love of Houston. Senator Hudspeth seconded the nomination of governor Ferguson.

Paul Waples was re-elected chairman of the state executive committee.

### ENTHUSIASM MARKS STATE ASSEMBLY; CLOSE CONTEST FOR GOVERNOR EVIDENT.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 10.—Praises for Charles Evans Hughes, Republican candidate for president, and admiration that the primary campaign be conducted so there would be no dissension after nominations were determined, featured the address of Clarence C. Hamlin as temporary chairman of the Republican state assembly here today. Mention of Hughes' name was met with cheering and hand clapping from the floor and galleries of the convention hall.

### CONTEST FOR GOVERNOR.

With three avowed candidates in the field, political interest among Republican leaders centered in the contest for gubernatorial endorsement. Governor Carlson is opposed for re-election by Samuel A. Nicholson, of Denver, and Leadville mining man, and Alton Stocker, state treasurer. It is asserted that the latter is a candidate for the nomination of John E. Ramer, secretary of state. Neither is there any opposition to the endorsement of the state treasurer.

### WOMAN'S PARTY LEADERS ARE STRONG FOR HUGHES

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 10.—Preliminary plans for the conduct of an active campaign in behalf of national equal suffrage were the subjects of informal consideration by leaders of the National Woman's party who today began a three day conference here. A session to be devoted to discussion of the present status of the federal suffrage amendment is now to be held tomorrow instead of today, as was first planned.

Statements by leaders upon the election policy of the Woman's party indicated a strong sentiment in favor of endorsing the candidacy of Charles E. Hughes. Gratification was expressed over the endorsement of the Woman's party program by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, received at party headquarters today.

### HUGHES FOR PROTECTION OF FARMERS BY TARIFF

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 10.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican presidential nominee, told an audience of farmers in the auditorium here today that he believed in a protective tariff that would protect them as well as the men in the factories.

"I believe in a protective tariff," Mr. Hughes said. "I believe in protection without abuse. I think that is possible. Our opponents who for generations

### HOLD HUGHES'S ELECTION FOR LABOR

Democratic Party Gives Out Gompers' Letter Reviewing Hughes' Decisions.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—In an apparent effort to make out that former Justice Hughes of the supreme court of the United States is unfriendly toward organized labor, Democratic party managers have given out a letter written by president Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor to Thomas H. Nichols of Alliance, Ohio, reviewing Mr. Hughes' attitude in supreme court cases involving the interests of labor, particularly the Danbury hatters' case.

Mr. Gompers' letter reviews the Danbury hatters' case which resulted in an unanimous decision in the supreme court, in which former Justice Hughes concurred, holding the hatters of Danbury must individually pay D. E. Loewe and company some \$200,000 damages under the Sherman law for the celebrated hatters' boycott. It also referred to the court's decision holding unconstitutional the Wisconsin anti-labor law. Former Justice Hughes wrote the opinion.

"In that decision," wrote Mr. Gompers, "Justice Hughes took the position that the injunctive process applies to personal relations. Mr. Hughes has taken an unequivocal position. He endorses the abuse of the writ of injunction against which wage earners have vigorously protested and which they have tried to correct by remedial legislation in order that they might enjoy the rights and opportunities of free citizens."

"The above is accurately the information which you asked and I take it will be of importance to you as well as to the working people and liberty loving citizens all over the country in enabling them to understand the mental attitude of Mr. Hughes, who now is a candidate for the presidency of the United States."

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### ITALIANS DRIVE TOWARD TRIESTE

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### GOV'T NOT BURNED.

Notwithstanding the desperate fighting around Gorizia, the city itself was not burned by the Italian artillery fire, nor were the inhabitants injured, these having previously evacuated the city. It was the desire of Gen. Cadorna to save Gorizia from destruction, and to that end he employed strategy. After taking the mountain tops of San Michele and Sabotino, he attacked Gorizia not only from the front across the Isonzo but from the sides and rear. When the duke of Aosta, commander of the Third army, entered the city after forcing the bridge across the river, at the head of cavalry and cycle corps, Gorizia was found to be deserted. The duke was accompanied by his cousin, the king.

### SANGUINARY FIGHT AT BRIDGE.

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### Bouncing Ball Against Barn Started Game of Baseball

ONE day a boy bounced a ball against a barn wall and caught it on the rebound. Another boy joined him, and then another. The three began throwing to each other, and thus baseball was born.

### AUSTRIAN LINE IS BROKEN AGAIN

Second Victory Follows the Capture of Gorizia in Which 20,000 Are Captured.

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Duke of Aosta in Command Of Italian Army Battling Routed Teutons.

ROME, Italy, Aug. 10.—The Italians have pierced the strong Austrian entrenchments northeast of Monte San Michele, on the Isonzo front and near the village of San Martino, the war office announced today.

They have occupied Roschnitz, the statement says, more than 12,000 Austrians having been captured.

### Drive Toward Trieste.

The capture of Roschnitz follows upon the heels of the capture of Gorizia Wednesday, which all Italy is today celebrating. It is announced more than 20,000 prisoners were captured at Gorizia, together with great amounts of guns and supplies.

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### The Boy as a Salesman

MANY plucky lads have earned a membership each in the El Paso Y. M. C. A. by securing subscribers for The El Paso Herald. They have all found it hard but pleasant work. In doing this, they have honored themselves by becoming producers.

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A membership to the Y. M. C. A. will be given to the boys absolutely free for obtaining only a small number of new subscribers. Call to see H. H. Frie, circulation manager of the El Paso Herald.

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